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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on September 22, 2008, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The thirty-day period for response expires on October 22, 2008; therefore, this response is timely filed.

Claims 1-35 were presented at the time of filing; claims 1-27, 31 and 32 are currently pending in the application. The action of September 22, 2008 requires election under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 among three groups of claims:

Group I: claims 1-20, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition of a thiourea derivative and cyclodextrin.

Group II: claims 21-27, drawn to an inclusion complex comprising a thiourea derivative and cyclodextrin.

Group III: claims 31 and 32, drawn to a method of treating a mammal suffering from pathological stimulation of VR1 receptors via the administration of a thiourea derivative and cyclodextrin.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group 1 (claims 1-20). The election is made without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in one or more additional applications.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number provided below if any further questions arise in connection with this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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